

Executive Registry

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MEMORANDUM**SUBJECT: Arms Plant in Dominica**

We have had information on this arms plant in Dominica for quite some time. The newspaper story was grossly exaggerated except for the principal fact that there is an arms plant existing at San Cristobal, just outside of Trujillo City.

The capacity of the plant is greatly exaggerated in the newspaper account. The article stated that 600 small arms per day could be produced. The best information this Agency has on the plant's capacity is that it would be fortunate if it produced 20 per day.

The article also gives the impression that the whole project was a Hungarian idea and that President Trujillo took over in June 1948. Actually, Trujillo's control began about a year and a half before that date, and all Trujillo did with the Hungarians was to obtain Hungarian technicians and Hungarian machinery for his factory.

The most important aspect of this factory is its potentially adverse effect on the standardization of arms program. This Dominican factory will produce sub-machine guns of a type completely foreign to any United States equipment.

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Note for Record: Reference attached article in Wash. Daily News, Wed., 8/17/49.
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